

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN WANDA GRINDE, on January 16, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

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Executive Action: HB 38, HB 46, HB 169, HB 57, HJ 6

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 57, 1/12/2009
Executive Action: HB 38, HB 46, Hb 57, HJ 6

00:00:01 Rep. Grinde

HEARING ON HB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:43 **REP. RUSSELL BEAN (R)**, HD 17, opened the hearing on **HB 57**, Clarify school district consolidations and annexations.

Proponents:

00:04:10 Denise Ulberg, Office of Public Instruction
00:05:20 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association
00:06:04 Darrel Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:04 Rep. Brown
00:07:30 Chairman Grinde

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:45 Rep. Bean

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38

Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that **HB 38 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Butcher and Rep. Hamilton voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46

Motion/Vote: REP. FLEMING moved that **HB 46 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169

Motion: REP. BROWN moved that **HB 169 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:11:17 Rep. Beck
00:11:50 Rep. Brown
00:12:20 Rep. Lake
00:13:01 Rep. Wagner
00:13:20 Rep. Butcher
00:14:34 Rep. Lake
00:15:39 Rep. Boniek
00:16:09 Chairman Grinde
00:16:25 Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction
00:16:37 Ms. Ulberg
00:17:14 Rep. Wilmer
00:17:48 Ms. Ulberg
00:17:53 Rep. Wilmer
00:18:12 Rep. Butcher
00:18:41 Ms. Ulberg
00:18:58 Rep. Bean
00:19:59 Rep. Washburn
00:20:23 Chairman Grinde
00:20:28 Ms. Ulberg
00:21:01 Rep. Wagner
00:21:23 Ms. Ulberg
00:21:34 Rep. Wagner
00:21:43 Ms. Ulberg
00:22:28 Rep. Wagner
00:22:57 Ms. Ulberg
00:23:11 Rep. Wagner
00:23:21 Ms. Ulberg
00:23:34 Rep. Wagner
00:24:05 Rep. Fleming
00:25:49 Rep. Beck
00:26:16 Rep. Fleming
00:26:24 Rep. Brown
00:27:08 Rep. Bean
00:27:41 Rep. Wilmer
00:28:10 Rep. Malek
00:28:55 Ms. Ulberg
00:29:35 Rep. Washburn
00:29:51 Rep. Boniek
00:30:21 Rep. Wagner
00:31:18 Rep. Lake
00:32:42 Rep. Washburn

00:33:09 **Vote:** Vote was tied 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner and Washburn voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57

00:33:54 **Motion/Vote:** REP. BROWN moved that **HB 57 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6

00:34:47 **Motion:** REP. WILMER moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:35:46 Rep. Beck

00:35:56 Rep. Lake

00:38:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Hamilton voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

00:46:08 Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh10aad.pdf](#))